

HA-1383

1889

Mrs. William Smith House
224 E. Broadway
Bel Air
private

Another variation on the front gable Victorian, this house has a cruciform gable roof and a side entrance. One enters what was probably the dining room, an unusual feature. The two story hexagonal bay window was a favorite in Bel Air.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mrs. William Smith House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

224 E. Broadway

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

—OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Geoffrey Close et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

224 E. Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: not yet recorded

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story aluminum-sided house with a gable roof is at 224 E. Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The meeting of gable roof lines gives the house a T-shaped roof with the cross bar to the south. Like many of its neighbors it has a front gable with a round headed 2/2 double-hung sash window. A twin of this window is in the west gable, but the east gable has a pair of 1/1 windows in a flat surround. The other major windows are 2/2. Exceptions are the windows in the enclosed portion of the side porch (east) which are paired casements, the multi-pane windows in the second story sleeping porch (east and north elevations) and the window in the east elevation directly below. A sun deck with plank rail balustrade tops the enclosed porch. A two story bay window is in the south bay of the west elevation; it lights the parlor. A second rectangular, single story bay is directly to the north of this two story bay. It has two 1/1 windows. Many of the windows have wooden louvered shutters. Two corbelled cap chimneys break the roof-line. One serves the parlor fireplace. The other, directly behind this one, served a stove in the dining room.

Unlike most similar houses in Town, the entrance to this house is not, and never has been, in the front elevation. It is in the second bay on the east side. This is obscured in the pictures by the enclosure of that portion of the side porch. Today one enters the enclosed porch to find a small foyer. A door to the house is in the east wall of the house and one enters the enclosed porch from there, too.

The interior of the house is in poor condition. The fireplace in the parlor is a 20th century replacement. The staircase runs up the south wall of the room behind (north) the parlor. It is a single run closed-string staircase with a square newel and balusters. North of the dining room is a modern kitchen with bath and enclosed porch behind that.

The second story has three bedrooms, a bath, and a sleeping porch. All the woodwork in the house is entirely plain.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This vernacular Victorian house is, on the outside, typical of the houses built along Broadway in the 1880's. Differences are apparent inside. The entrance is in the side (east) elevation rather than the front (south). The door gives onto the staircase (without hall) in the dining room which is behind (north of) the parlor. Otherwise it is a perfectly conventional house.

Like all the other property on E. Broadway, this lot was once Munnikhuysen land. The heirs of Dr. Munnikhuysen sold this lot to Charles L. Dallam in 1887 (58/495). He sold it to Mary P. Smith (the wife of William Smith) in 1889 for \$1050 (64/206), a high price for a lot, but the Harford Democrat for April 19, 1889, says she is planning to build a house "on the land she bought from Captain C. L. Dallam." In 1893 Mrs. Smith sold the house and lot to M. Alice Hendon for \$1600 (79/89). The low price may be attributed to the economic depression of that year. The Smiths were living in Philadelphia at the time of the sale. Alice Hendon (Mrs. James Hendon) sold the property to Emory A. Mc Comas in 1902, (104/37), who sold it to N. Howard Dean in 1905 (115/192). Dean was the son of Nathan Dean, Bel Air cabinet maker and undertaker. N. Howard Dean and his brother Edward ran the Dean Funeral Parlor which in 1922 became Dean and Foster, now Joseph T. Foster and Son.

The house at 204 E. Broadway was Dean's residence for 43 years until he sold it in 1948 to Charles and Helen O'Brien (323/440). The O'Briens sold it to Mary C. Todd in 1970 (859/299), and she sold it to Geoffrey Close et al in 1979. It is being rehabilitated and will be rented as offices, also typical of many of the houses on Broadway.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
Bel Air Centennial Book

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #331 in the Town of Bel Air

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

21 August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1383

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Mrs. William Smith House

PRESENT USE: being renovated/offices

ORIGINAL USE: private residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent() Good()
Fair(X) Poor:()

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1889

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 224 E. Broadway
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

COMMON NAME: House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence

OWNER: Geoffrey Close et al p. 331
ADDRESS: 224 E. Broadway
Bel Air, Md. 21014

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes() No() Restricted(X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local(X) State() National()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone(X) Brick() Concrete() Concrete Block()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam() Balloon()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick() Stone() Concrete() Concrete Block()
 - C. Iron() D. Steel() E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard() Board and Batten() Wood Shingle() Shiplap()
Novelty() Stucco() Sheet Metal() Aluminum(X) Asphalt Shingle()
Brick Veneer() Stone Veneer()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood() Iron() Steel() Concrete()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate(X) Wood Shingle() Asphalt Shingle() Sheet Metal()
Built Up() Rolled() Tile() Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other: corbelled

Appendages: Porches() Towers() Cupolas() Dormers() Chimneys(X) Sheds() Ells()
Wings() Other: shutters

Roof Style: Gable(X) Hip() Shed() Flat() Mansard() Gambrel() Jerkinhead()
Saw Tooth() With Monitor() With Bellcast() With Parapet() With False Front()
Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: Broadway

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat(X) Zoning() Roads()
Development() Deterioration()
Alteration() Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive() Negative()
Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Windows 2/2; porch doric columns L around E. side enclosed in North end
 of E. side casement windows & sun deck
 front gable round 2/2, E. pr long narrow 1/1, w gable round 2/2
 2 story bay hexagonal 1st bay (S.) on W. elev
 1 story rectangular bay just behind (N.) the 2 story, 1/1 windows
 (two of them)
 back (N.) shed roof sun porch enclosed 3 br/bath/porch
 E R fireplace 20th century woodwork
 single run staircase closed strings square newel & sq. balusters

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

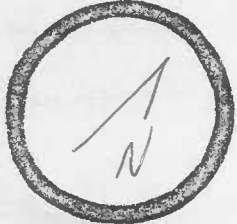
shiplap 2 car garage 1 gable roof ridge N-S

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Mary C. Todd last owner
 Charles O'Brien previous

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



X

E. Broadway

Hickory

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
 Residential(X) Commercial(X)
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

3 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 224 E. BROADWAY

not yet recorded
Mary C. Todd
to
Geoffrey Close et al
to be renovated into offices

859/299 23 October 1970
Charles E. O'Brien & Helen, wife
to
Mary C. Todd

323/440 30 November 1948
N. Howard Dean, widower
to
Charles and Helen O'Brien

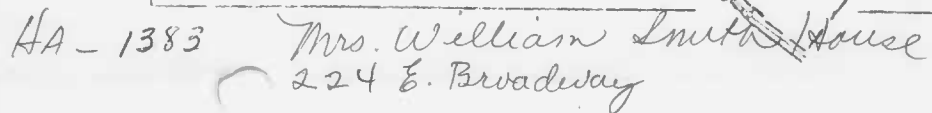
115/192 29 April 1905
Emory A. Mc Comas
to
N. Howard Dean

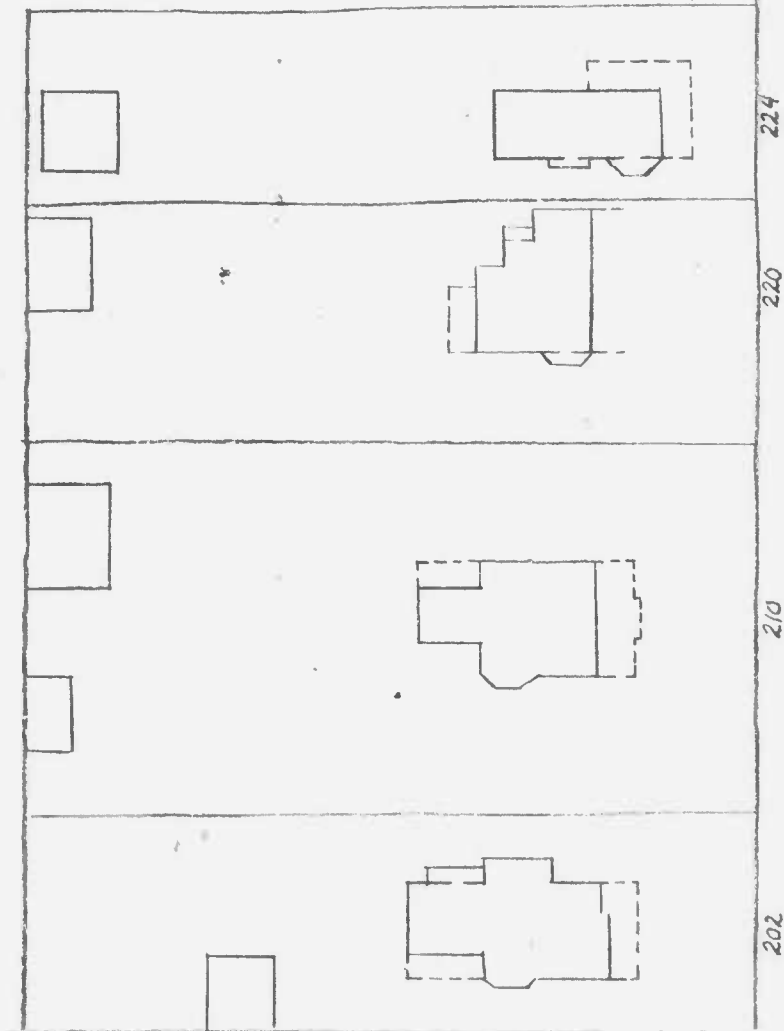
104/37 21 January 1902
M. Alice Hendon and James, husband
to
Emory A. McComas

79/89 26 September 1893
Mary P. Smith and William, husband,
of Philadelphia
to
M. Alice Hendon
\$1600

64/206 18 February 1889
Charles L. Dallam
to
Mary P. Smith
\$1050

58/495 14 May 1887
Heirs of Dr. Munnikhuysen
to
Charles L. Dallam





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224 E. Broadway
Bilau, Md.

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1930 Sanborn Map

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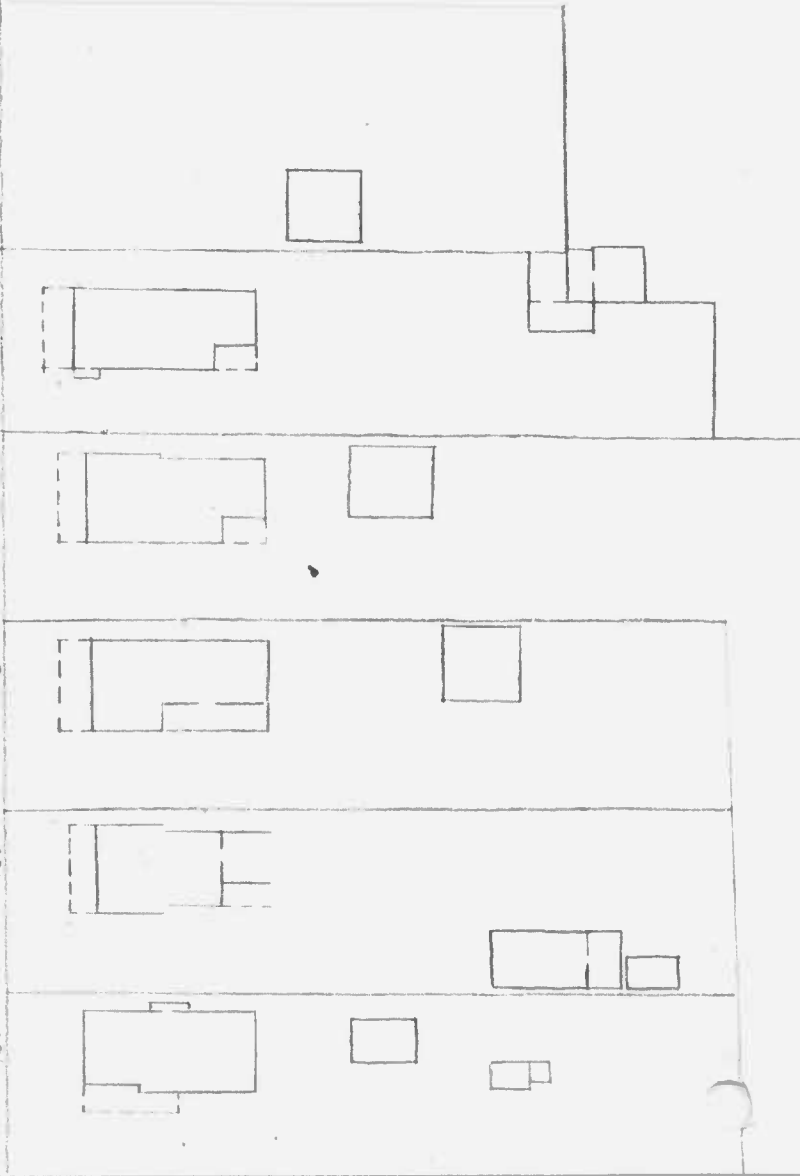
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Mrs William Smith House, 224 E. Broadway

Bel Air

w + s elev

M. Lane, 1979



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Mrs. William Smith House, 224 E. Broadway
Bel Air

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M. Larew, 1979



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Mrs William Smith House, 224 E. Broadway
Bel Air

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M. Lane, 1979